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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 15, 2002

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC990101

For approval of its Network
Services Interconnection Tariff,
S.C.C.-Va.-No. 218

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO
SUSPEND FILING REQUIREMENT

By Order of October 12, 2001, the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") rejected a Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement Agreement Addressing Collocation Rates, Terms, and Conditions ("Settlement Agreement") filed on December 21, 2000, by Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia" or "the Company"). Verizon Virginia filed the Settlement Agreement on behalf of itself and AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T"), Sprint Communications Company of Virginia, Inc. ("Sprint"), and WorldCom Inc. ("WorldCom"). Other parties to this proceeding were not parties to the Settlement Agreement.

In the October 12, 2001, Order rejecting the Settlement Agreement, the Commission encouraged Verizon Virginia to include all interested parties in negotiations toward settlement of disputed collocation pricing issues, if possible, and non-pricing issues arising from the Company's collocation tariff.

The Commission directed the parties to identify all non-pricing issues and, on or before December 14, 2001, file a stipulation containing those non-pricing issues that have been resolved and those that remain. Should negotiations on the pricing issues prove to be ineffective, the Commission further directed Verizon Virginia to file on January 15, 2002, state-specific cost studies.

Verizon Virginia filed a status report on December 14, 2001. The Company stated that it and six CLECs¹ have reached an agreement in principle resolving all pricing issues and some non-pricing issues. Verizon Virginia advised that an agreement was being drafted, and the parties expected to file it with the Commission soon.

On January 11, 2002, Verizon Virginia filed a Motion to Suspend Filing Requirement. The Company states that the parties are in the final stages of completing a formal agreement, which they expect to file shortly, and it requests that the obligation to file state-specific cost studies on January 15, 2002, be suspended pending filing of this agreement.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of Verizon Virginia's motion, is of the opinion and finds that the motion should be granted. The Company requested that the suspension be

¹ AT&T, Sprint, ALLTEL, Broadslate Networks, NTELOS, and R&B Network.

"indefinite." While we will grant a suspension, we do not expect that it will remain indefinite. In the event that Verizon Virginia has not filed an agreement by January 29, 2002, the Company shall file on that date a report advising the Commission of the status of the parties' negotiations.² In addition, we remind the Company, and the parties to a settlement, to also identify any remaining unresolved issues among the parties.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Verizon Virginia's January 11, 2002, Motion to Suspend Filing Requirement is hereby granted on the condition that if the Company has not filed an agreement by January 29, 2002, the Company shall file on that date a report advising the Commission of the status of the parties' negotiations.

(2) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.

² We note that the timing of Verizon Virginia's motion to suspend, filed Friday, January 11, 2002, may not have afforded parties sufficient time to file a response. Although we are granting the suspension at this time, parties may file a response to the Company's motion to the extent that further rulings on this matter may be necessary. We also note that Cavalier Telephone, LLC, filed on January 9, 2002, motions to compel discovery responses from WorldCom, AT&T, and Sprint. We will rule on those motions by subsequent order.